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SUPPORT C. S. CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 10! TROTSKYITE DEFENDANT AIDS C.S. FRAME-UP

Lying Statement by Mini Sprung By Prosecution

Harris, Known Boss Agent, On Stand At Trial

BULLETIN
SACRAMENTO, Thursday, Feb. 7.—A secret stool-pigeon statement made by the sole Trotskyite defendant in the C. S. trial was introduced by the prosecution today.

This cowardly, treacherous document is the most dangerous weapon in the prosecution's arsenal. It has brought into the courtroom the defendant to date.

Consisting of thirty pages of lies and slanders, this statement, in which the rascally scoundrel sought to save his own hide at all costs, was made to Prosecutor McAlister by Defendant Norman Mini last August. Representatives of the San Francisco Examiner and the Chronicle were present when the statement was read.

Mini was a suspended member of the Communist Party at the time of his arrest and has since openly affiliated himself with the Trotskyites. He stooped to his comrades by giving the prosecution, in his statement, the names, locations, identifications, activities and affiliations, not only of the defendants, but of many workers not even facing trial.

Mini, who deserted the Communist Party on terms of violence, he slandered and denounced the Party in the hope of disassociating himself from the other defendants. This is precisely the move made last week by the Trotskyite lawyer Goldman when he openly joined the prosecution in an attack on Leo Gallagher.

Reading the discrediting effect this vile piece of treachery would have in the eyes of the working class, Goldman rose immediately before the cowardly document was introduced and tried to minimize its rambling effect by a demagogic speech.

The judge has ruled that the statement is binding on all defendants.

The complete story, and summary of the Sacramento document will appear in the next issue of the Western Worker.

"Liberal" College Editor Close to Fascist Hearst

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—Stan Beaubaire, "liberal" editor of the Stanford Daily, and author of an editorial reproduced in Hearst's Examiner of Feb. 5, who dared to say the hand that feeds, by suggesting that free speech should be granted to Communists as it is to fascists in the university, is closely allied with William Randolph Hearst, the Western Worker learned from an authoritative source today. Hearst answered Beaubaire's statement in a four column editorial filled with CAPITAL LETTERS.

Last Fall, Beaubaire wrote to Hearst suggesting that he should be interested in Beaubaire's attempt to promote a conference of college newspaper editors. Not only did Hearst show interest in the idea, but granted money to finance it. Beaubaire's trip to Washington where the conference was held, was paid for by Hearst.

Since that time, Beaubaire and several of his friends have been twice invited to spend week-ends at the moorish palace in San Simeon which Hearst calls his "ranch".

Hearst was forced into the position of publicly reprimanding one whom he thought to be safely "bought".

BILL ASKS PROBE OF VIGILANTISM IN CALIFORNIA

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT
GUARANTEES POLITICAL
FREEDOM**

By Murray.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 6.—Assembly Joint Resolution No. 28 was introduced by Richie on Jan. 26 and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations. This Resolution petitions the Senate of the U. S. to appoint a special commission for the purpose of investigating vigilantism in California, and elsewhere throughout the U. S. The resolution declares in part that:

"Vigilantism is an American form of fascism and runs counter to every principle of American constitutional rights, of law and order."

"Said vigilantism originated in California in recent months... The law enforcement officers of the State of California have to date neither prosecuted, apprehended nor discovered any of the persons who have participated in said vigilante violence..."

* Danger of Fascist State.

"Said vigilantism unless checked will continue to spread throughout the nation and convert the U. S. into a fascist state..."

* Write to Committee Member.

Workers can show their support of this resolution by writing members of the Committee on Federal Relations. In a subsequent issue the Western Worker will publish a complete list of all Bills of importance to workers, together with names and addresses of the committee members to whom these bills have been referred.

Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 49 would guarantee the constitutional rights of all persons and declares that:

"...the legislature nor any officer of the State shall grant or deny any right or privilege to any person, group or association because of the political, economic or social views or affiliations of said persons, group or association."

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SERA "RED PURGE" EXPOSED AS DEAL WITH HEARST PRESS

By Ben Hansen.

The newly attempted "red purge" in the ranks of the workers in the SERA is directly inspired by William Randolph Hearst's S. F. Examiner and that bulwark of American fascism, the American Legion.

"In reality," admitted State E. R. A. Public Relations Council von Marpurgo, "the whole thing is just a big circulation getting act put on by the Hearst papers. 'Woody' Taylor, the Examiner 'red editor,' is responsible for the whole thing."

Von Marpurgo also told to a representative of a college newspaper the whole arrangement between Hearst, the Legion, and the S. F. county E. R. A. His story fits nicely into the admissions of Paul H. Davis, county administrator, and that of Hearst reporters.

DEAL WITH EXAMINER

Paul H. Davis, puppet head of the "red purge" and county administrator, was recently called on the carpet before state officials and accused of lack of cooperation, inefficiency, and other things. Fearful of his lucrative position, he appealed to the powers of the press to whitewash him. After discussing the matter with him they agreed: if he played ball with the Examiner they would whitewash him completely.

Last Tuesday the opening gun of the combination "red purge" and "whitewash" was started. "Woody" Taylor of the Examiner submitted what the paper called "new evidence" in the war on Communists in a report to Davis. In the report, quoted as coming from "a responsible party" in one of the lead stories of the day in the Examiner, immediate dismissal of all Communists working on SERA was demanded. In high sounding Fascist phrases, Davis announced in the press that he would take definite steps along that line.

When asked if it was not true that the words of Davis were not in reality placed in his mouth by the Examiner reporter, Nielson, public relations counsel for Davis said, "Well, you know how those things are. A reporter asks a question and then breaks up the answer so that it will fit the story better."

WITH "UNEMPLOYABLES"

According to the national ruling of the SERA, relief cannot be denied any person for either political beliefs or race. This does not bother Paul H. Davis. His plan, a compromise with the Hearst group made in the light of the federal ruling, is to remove all Communists and other militant workers from work relief and place them on the starvation dole of the "unemployables" group along with the sick, crippled, and aged. The Hearst interests demand that militant workers be forced to starve.

The Davis headquarters indicate that they too would welcome the chance to force starvation upon all those who believe that American Capitalism has failed to provide the opportunity for a decent life.

LEGION'S REPORT

Along with the Examiner report, which was written with the aid of the police, there is now in the hands of the county relief office a report of the "Subversive Activities Committee" of the American Legion. With pressure from both these Fascist groups and with the promised "whitewash" in the offing, Davis has planned a thorough investigation of all those who raise a voice against the meagre relief which is now grudgingly being offered.

"Isn't it true that the entire anti-Communist hysteria is being run with Davis acting only as a puppet?" Public Relations Counsel Nielson was asked.

"Well," he said, "that is putting it pretty strongly."

All indications are, according to one well informed observer, that unless there is vigorous opposition by workers themselves, the rules laid down by the Federal government will be discarded in the midst of this Hearst hysteria, and the local officials will seize upon their opportunity to pare down even further the already inadequate relief budget.

I.L.D. TO APPEAL CONVICTION OF LOUISE TODD

**CONVICTION CARRIES
MAXIMUM SENTENCE
OF 42 YEARS**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—Louise Todd, former Communist Party candidate for supervisor here and one of the eight workers indicted by the Grand Jury last



Louise Todd. Protest her "conviction" at once! Send protests to Judge Harris, Hall of Justice, San Francisco, Cal.

year on charges of perjury arising out of the circulation of petitions to put the Communist Party on the ballot for the last elections, yesterday was found guilty on three counts. Each count carries a sentence of one to fourteen years. Appeal against this outrageous frame-up is being prepared by the International Labor Defense.

Her case will come up for sentence in Judge Harris' Superior Court, third floor of the Hall of Justice, Kearney and Washington St., at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, Feb. 9. Workers and sympathizers are urged to pack the court room Saturday morning in protest against sending this worker to jail and thereby laying a basis for a further attempt to drive the Communist Party into illegality. This court move finds a counter part in bills now in the State Legislature to force the Party of the ballot.

The other seven persons who face similar indictments are Anita Whitney who polled 100,820 votes as the Communist Party candidate for State Controller last year; Helen Morris, Fred Deuer, Joseph K. Albert Segal, Florence Staller and Esther Goodman.

The jury was out for one hour and returned its verdict on the basis of the testimony of three witnesses—Rosamond Moll, Noah J. Walter Rossi. The first two named their own signatures and stated they knew they were signing a petition to put the Communist Party on the ballot.

* Contradicts Self.

Rossi completely tripped himself up. He positively identified his signature before the Grand Jury, then at Thursday's trial at

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Many A.F.L. Locals Elect Delegates; Sponsor of C.S. Repeal Measure to Speak

SPEED PETITION DRIVE FOR CAL. JOBLESS RELIEF WORKERS ALL OVER STATE COLLECT SIGNATURES FOR BILL 791

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—Continuing the Hearst-inspired attack upon militant workers now employed on SERA projects, Paul H. Davis, yesterday announced he "had the names of thirty active Communists on the payroll of the Social Survey Federal ERA Project at 1259 O'Farrell Street."

Unable to discover an immediate solution for the "crisis in relief" which has overtaken the state, Davis and Hearst have resorted to intimidation and Red scare hysteria in attempt to stifle protest and the same time, lay the basis for further slashing of relief rolls and budgets.

Thousands of petitions demanding the passage of Assembly Bill 791, the Workers State Unemployment Insurance Bill, are being circulated throughout the state and hundreds already have been filled. Los Angeles, Fresno, Bakersfield, Stockton and Sacramento workers are actively engaged in the struggle for adequate social insurance at the expense of the bosses.

* Red Sunday.

In San Francisco the North Beach Section of the Communist Party has declared Sunday, Feb. 10, a Red Sunday and scores of workers will spend most of the day collecting signatures on the petitions and funds to carry on the fight.

A huge city-wide party to raise funds for the Unemployment Congress at Sacramento, March 10 and 11 will be held in San Francisco on February 16, under the auspices of the Public Works and Unemployed Union and the United Front Committee of fifteen. Credentials of delegates who will attend the final United Front Conference at the Building Trades Council, February 24, rapidly are coming in at the State Sponsoring Committee headquarters, 542 Valencia St., S. F.

Meanwhile, in order to force the passage of the bill, the Communist Party!

Assemblyman Flint of L. A. to Address Body; Mooney to Send Greetings; Prominent Speakers Invited.

PEA PICKERS WIN PAY CUT CACK IN ONE-WEEK STRIKE

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., Feb. 7.—After being forced to grant the 100 striking pea pickers at the Espina Ranch their demand for thirty cents an hour, the bosses, in cooperation with the District Attorney, Van Wormer, sent the workers back to the ranch where they now are being held virtual prisoners.

A week ago the workers walked out when a 5c pay cut was announced. At the final meeting of the strikers Van Wormer and several deputies were present. The district attorney spoke and at the close of his talk, he was asked if the offer of thirty cents an hour would be permanent.

"I don't know," he replied, "but I assure you that you will get thirty cents an hour."

The pickers went back to work, only to find that they are not allowed to go to town unless they walk the distance of twenty miles. Moreover, the gates of the Espina Ranch are kept locked.

The workers, however, are in a militant mood and are planning definite action against the jailing tactics of the bosses and the law authorities. The growers have refused to sign a definite agreement.

WARNING!

It has been reported to us that certain individuals are at present circulating petitions in the East Bay counties collecting signatures to take the Communist Party off the ballot. These collectors generally tell you that the petition is to help get unemployment insurance or some similar excuse and hand you the list to sign without letting you see the text, which would show the real purpose of the petition and what you are signing.

WORKERS! SIGN NOTHING WITHOUT SEEING IT. AND THEN REFUSE TO PUT YOUR NAME TO THIS INFAMOUS TRICK OF THE BOSSES TO OUTLAW THE COMMUNIST PARTY!

SAN FRANCISCO, February 8.—Assemblyman Gene Flint, Democrat, from Los Angeles, will address the State United Front Conference for the Defense of the 18 Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism victims and for the Repeal of the C. S. Law, the Preliminary Committee, announced here today.

Assemblyman Flint is one of the sponsors of Assembly Bill No. 419, calling for the repeal of the C. S. Law.

* Conference On Sunday.

The Conference will be held Sunday, Feb. 10, at 2 p. m., at Carpenters' Hall, 112 Valencia St. After a three-hour session there, the Committee announces, the delegates will adjourn to Redman's Hall, 3053 Sixteenth St., where, after the serving of refreshments, the session will reconvene to finish its business of planning the campaign.

Every day word is received of more trade unions and other working class organizations supporting the United Front Conference. Among the latest to take action are the following:

The Miscellaneous Employees, Local 110, A. F. of L., has elected two delegates, also the Cloakmakers local in San Francisco.

All S. F. locals of the I. L. G. W. U. will elect official observers to the Conference.

The Oil Workers' Union, local 128 of Long Beach went on record at its last meeting in support of the campaign to repeal the C. S. Law.

The Democratic Business and Professional Club of San Francisco elected two delegates to the conference at its meeting this week.

Tom Mooney has sent word to the Arrangements Committee endorsing the United Front Conference, and declared he would send greetings officially through a committee from the Mooney Molders' Defense Committee.

* Speakers Invited.

The Arrangements Committee is inviting a group of representative

S. F. WORKERS PLAN MASS MEETING ON LINCOLN BIRTHDAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—Lincoln's birthday will be marked next Tuesday by workers of this city when they gather at Corinthian Hall, 245 Valencia Street, at 8 o'clock in the evening to listen to a program of three speakers speak on the significance of the role played by Abraham Lincoln in the history of this country.

Speakers will be Leo Gallagher, internationally known labor attorney; Albert Hougardy, one of the 17 defendants in the Sacramento criminal syndicalism trial; and Lawrence Ross, co-editor of the Western Worker.

Gallagher will review the issues involved in the Scottsboro case, with relation to the status of Negroes in the South today; Albert Hougardy will speak on the issues of the Sacramento trial, emphasizing its significance to the workers of California; and Lawrence Ross will speak on "Lincoln and the American Revolutionary Tradition."

The revolutionary character of the Civil War will be analyzed. Speakers will show that the Communist Party, under whose auspices the meeting will be held, is the only force carrying on the revolutionary traditions of the American people.

All workers are urged to attend this meeting and learn the true meaning of the Civil War and the emancipation proclamation. Admission will be free.

FASCIST GROUP PLANS TO SEIZE GOVERNMENT

Offer Army of 500,000 to Gen. Butler For March On Washington

The attempt of Wall Street to follow the footsteps of the big industrialists of Germany who backed Hitler and put over a fascist government in the United States as a means of heading off the growing revolt of a people starving in a land of plenty and to save power for themselves as a class is already known to the readers of the Western Worker. But, realizing the need of giving full strength to the fight against the attacks of capitalism in California, exemplified in the Criminal Syndicalism trials in Sacramento and the anti-labor bills in the present legislature, the Editorial Board of the Western Worker has decided to discontinue the attempt to publish this expose in full, purely from space limitations.

Readers are urged to follow these stories in the Daily Worker, where they appear from the issue of Jan. 25th on, in a series by Margaret Young, and in the weekly New Masses. The articles in the latter, written by John Spivak, began in the issue of Jan. 29 and

still continue. They are obtainable at the Workers' Book Shop, 37 Grove St., or through your Western Worker agent.

This decision, necessitated by the lack of space, is only an additional reason for building a bigger Western Worker.

The articles to date have brought out many startling facts in uncovering the Wall Street conspiracy to foist a fascist dictatorship on this country. Salient among these are:

* Offer Butler Army of 500,000.

1—Gerald C. McGuire, \$100-a-week bond salesman, paid by Grayson M. P. Murphy, Wall Street broker and favorite of J. P. Morgan & Co., laid the offer before Gen. Smedley Butler to lead an army of 500,000 on Washington and be the fascist dictator, puppeting for the Wall Street clique.

2—The names backing this attempt, for which \$3,000,000 was admitted ready for organizational purposes, are those of the same group and interests who now

back Roosevelt's administration. Murphy, to name but one, is a director of the New York Trust Co., Morgan bank as well as several other Morgan banks and interests. The list of the present backers of Roosevelt is in the main identical with those backing this fascist move in its various ramifications.

3—Gen. Butler, in a special interview with Marguerite Young of the Daily Worker, told of receiving offers from as many as forty different fascist and semi-fascist organizations to lead a coup. This correspondence he turned over to the U. S. Secret Service who showed their collaboration by doing nothing about investigating or putting down these schemes.

Morgan Bankers Dominate Move; Steer Dickstein, McCormack Whitewash

roduction of evidence against the American Liberty League and others similarly involved in the conspiracy. Instead they turned their attention to the Communists, refusing, however, to permit Communist leaders to testify. Also, they suppressed testimony regarding Roosevelt. This committee was headed by Morgan's business associate, James Warburg.

7—The Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (a sort of Jewish Red Cross) including Felix Warburg, who is connected with the Wall Street banking firm of Kuhn-Loeb; support the Crusaders.

8—William Randolph Hearst, who McGuire hinted to Butler was backing the conspiracy for a fascist coup, owns huge copper mines and timed his anti-Communist attack to coincide with the arrival of a mission of Nazi officials who want to buy copper. Through his papers he is laying the basis for an attempted fascist coup.

9—In addition to Hearst's papers the forces of propaganda of

Welfare Federation, of 551 Fifth Ave., with 6000 clergymen and 100,000 other members; the Crusaders which has headquarters in Chicago and is trying to get ten million members, recruiting in military schools and among military men; the Key Men of America, a "front" for an important group of open shop, labor spy-mongering industrialists; Veterans Alliance, United States Veterans League, and many others. The American Liberty League, composed of leading industrialists, including the du Ponts of the du Pont (Morgan financed) munitions concern, John Davis, Morgan lawyer and "fixer," Democratic candidate for president in 1920, and other influential men, some of whom, again including Davis, are on the National Advisory Council of the Crusaders.

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League, United States Veterans League, United States Veterans Alliance, and many others. The American Liberty League, composed of leading industrialists, including the du Ponts of the du Pont (Morgan financed) munitions concern, John Davis, Morgan lawyer and "fixer," Democratic candidate for president in 1920, and other influential men, some of whom, again including Davis, are on the National Advisory Council of the Crusaders.

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Furniture Workers Sold Out By Their Union Misleaders

East of the Rockies

Alabama Asked to Revise "Anti-Red" Law

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 4.—A movement by the Alabama Legislature to reconsider the sweeping anti-Communist bill which had been passed earlier in the session, was made yesterday. The motion for reconsideration was made on the grounds that the bill provides a fine of not more than \$1200 for "any writing, publication, printing, utterance or conduct to make or cause any outbreak or demonstration of violence against the state or any subdivision thereof." The bill was introduced by Street of Talapoosa County, where the Sharecroppers Union first was organized.

Planters Try to Crush Ark. Farmers

TYRONZA, Ark., Feb. 4.—Ward Rodgers, militant organizer for the Southern Tenant Farmers Union here was convicted on Jan. 21 of "anarchy" by a jury of landlords and wealthy planters, and sentenced to six months in jail and a fine of \$500. At present he is at liberty on \$1000 bond pending appeal of his case. He was arrested following a meeting of more than 150 Negro and white sharecroppers and small farmers called at Marked Tree to hear the report of their delegate to the national congress for unemployment insurance. Rodgers was chosen chairman of the meeting, which he closed by reading the Declaration of Independence. Immediately he was grabbed by the sheriff and his deputies and taken to jail. Actually, he was arrested because he warned the rich planters that the small farmers would not permit the organization of fascist bands in Arkansas.

War Mongers Backing Boy Scouts

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 6.—The Boy Scouts of America will launch a senior program affecting youths between the ages of 18 to 25 at their annual convention in Washington next August. E. S. Martin of the Boy Scouts, told United States Army officers and educators at the concluding session of the C. C. C. conference in New York University last week. The full plan is supported by the War Department which is supplying camp sites to the 3,000 boys who are coming from all over the country to attend.

Harlem Renters On Strike

HARLEM, N. Y., Feb. 5.—A rent strike involving ten families living in the Lenox district here is being led by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights. The tenants signed a pact to refuse to pay more rent until their rent was reduced and the leaking roofs and bad plumbing was repaired. Plans to spread the strike to other houses owned by the same landlord were announced by the League.

Wilkesbarre Coal Miners Plan Strike

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 3.—A strike call has been issued by the Anthracite Miners Union of Pennsylvania to tie up all mines of the Glen Alden Coal Company, one of the largest coal producers in Luzerne county. The call was issued by the general grievance body of the opposition to officials of the United Mine Workers of America who tried to drive the miners into their own union by strong-arm tactics at the Woodward and South Wilkesbarre collieries of the Glen Alden Company.

SPECIAL WESTERN WORKER L.A. ISSUE FOR "RED SUNDAY"

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10-11 have been named as "Western Worker Red Saturday and Sunday" by the Los Angeles Section Bureau. A special Los Angeles edition of 5000 copies will be used.

This, declares the section bureau, is not to be considered "just another red Sunday," but must be considered of vital and first political importance by every party member here.

All units and sub-section bureaus are instructed to place Red Saturday and Sunday on their agenda. No member is excused from performing his share of the work on these days. If he cannot go on these days, because of some legitimate reason, this does not release him of responsibility to get his share of subscriptions and war chest funds. Even if excused, he must go out with sub and fund lists immediately before or after Red Saturday and Sunday.

The slogan is: "5000 Teams—500 Subscriptions—\$500." Mobilization points will be announced in the Thursday, Feb. 14th issue, which will be a special 5000-copy Los Angeles Edition.

S. F. Workers' School Has Advanced Class

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—The Workers' School of this city has just organized an advanced group studying Marxism-Leninism.

Organized on the basis of a seminar, the group intends thoroughly to discuss the first volume of Marx, and then continue with the study of Lenin's Works.

The first session will take place Sunday, Feb. 10, at 3:00 p. m.

Registration for the group is open now and will be open until Sunday, Feb. 17. Registration is limited to advanced students only. Register at Workers' School, 463 Hayes St., or Workers Book Shop, 37 Grove St.

Camp Conference To Be Held In L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—Appealing to all adult and youth working class organizations to send delegates to a workers' Children's Summer Camp Conference, the United Children's Committee of Los Angeles has issued a call for a Summer Camp Conference for Workers' Children.

The conference will take place Sunday, March 3, 1935, at the Cultural Center, 230 So. Spring Street, Los Angeles. It will start at 10 a. m., sharp, and last until 1 p. m. All organizations and branches thereof, are urged to send two delegates to help plan the camp activities.

FISHERMEN GO ON RELIEF; BOATS SOLD FOR TAX PAYMENTS

By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 6.—Many of the local market fishermen have had to give up fishing, and some of them their boats, because they couldn't make enough to feed their families. Lots of them are tying up their boats and going on the SERA—that's the only way they can feed their families.

Market fishermen get about 2 to 3 cents a pound for fish that is taken to the downtown stores where it retails for a price of from 10 to 18 cents a pound. At the end of the week these fishermen are in debt for gasoline and oil which is sold at a high cost to the fishermen. Food, clothing and fuel has gone up, but the returns of the fishermen have gone down.

* Sell Boats For Taxes.

In spite of these miserable conditions fishermen are persecuted and, even arrested if they don't get licenses to fish, and boat permits, etc. And the county tax collector is always threatening as that if the taxes aren't paid by such and such a date, their boats will be seized and sold for taxes.

This summer schools of albacore and blue fin tuna came to the coast of San Diego that hadn't been seen in several years. This was because there was no target practice by the navy here most of this year. The war maneuvers and firing of the big guns has driven much fish away from the banks here.

The sardines are being ruined too, here, by the oil companies, and the big shipping companies. The oil tankers of the Union Oil and Standard Oil companies wash out their tanks leaving a surface of oil on the water which kills the sardines along the beaches and in the bays. Other boats pump out oil from the bays which pollutes the water. All boats over 30 tons should be equipped with grease traps. It would save many hundreds of tons of fish for food.

It makes some of us fishermen get pretty hot, when we think about these hundreds of thousands of tons of good food being wasted this way when millions of hungry workers all over the country could eat it.

Rich Get the Relief In N. M. Town

ALAMOGORDO, N. M., Feb. 8.—The Emergency Relief here is a racket. The town's wealthy people, who are the owners of a lumber company with many thousands of dollars in the bank, are shipped on the relief and get the best of everything, while what's left goes to the unemployed workers. When meat is cut, the workers always get the worst cuts. A week besides the orders which are cut into by the graft in distribution.

Correspondent.

Organized Rank and File Can Resist Low Wages, Speed Up Angelus Factory Worker Tells Of Conditions To Fight

By an Angelus Factory Worker.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—All who have been working in the Angelus Factory since 1928, will agree that the working system, the section work, the never ending installation of modern machinery, displaces more and more men, so the few of us that are "lucky" enough to be allowed to keep on slaving are driven to ever higher records of speed of production. He who can't keep up the pace, he has worked five, ten or fifteen years for the company.

We work all day, never fast enough for the boss. We produce the furniture, it goes to the market and brings him plenty of money. Our share is a few cents per hour, not enough to keep us from all day. If we ask for a raise, we are either laid off right away, or due to the stool pigeons, are ferreted out and then branded as Reds or Bolsheviks and out we go!

* Union Misleaders.

Can we choose our own unions, as Pres. Roosevelt, thru clause 7A of the New Recovery Act, tells us? Yes, if we take everything the boss offers us. Where we are expected to sit and listen to his boss himself or to his voice thru the months of his willing tools, the labor fakers such as the Mayans, the Busicks, Walkers and Murrys, who have nothing else to do, but sit in the bosses' offices raking their brains for schemes as to how to please the boss in return.

We are paying them, our union misleaders, wages, \$30.00 a week, to please us and they in turn do the bosses' bidding. Not satisfied with their wages, which they get for betraying us, they holler continually for more money, regardless of how much we, that have to pay their wages, get for doing the boss' bidding. They are not satisfied with \$30 and yet are not satisfied. How can anyone in the factory make money now, when prices on piece work, with so many different operations and the time necessary to set them up, for which we are not paid, are so low?

In the Cabinet Department, for a day, with 15 minutes for set up, we get 60 cents a piece! A good mechanic know what that means and that it isn't by any means slow work. Figure the 15 minutes set up time, which doesn't mean any money for us, and we'll have the net income of 55 cents per hour for highly skilled labor!

* Always Reducing.

But the boss with his efficiency department never stops scheming to reduce our miserable standard of living still more. Now our Union leaders, instead of fighting for higher wages for us, compromise with the boss. They don't try to hold his promise of a raise, which he made us, or to protest vigorously against the cut on piece work prices.

It takes the militant workers of the committee to fight for themselves. Our ex-shop chairman, for example, who was fired for his union work, the other on the committee, tools of the boss, were only too glad to take a raise at

the expense of the other workers in the department instead of asking for equal division of work. After the shop chairman was laid off, the committee—together with the boss and our shiny, sinking Labor Faker Murray, went into a huddle, to discredit the chairman in the eyes of the Regional Labor Board.

Unfortunately for us, they won again, and our ex-shop chairman walks the streets.

Organization is what we need, organized opposition.

No one single handed can buck a bunch of stools and lackies of the boss. We must fight them with their own weapons. We must build up a group, and systematic work. It may take a little longer, but it will bring results. We must eliminate Union leaders who break their own agreements. We should learn from the example set by the Industrial Furniture Workers Union in the Sterling Furniture Co. Only a few weeks ago the company wanted to lay off three men for union activity. The union got behind them full force, willing to call a strike if necessary. The result was reinstatement of the three workers. What I propose is to adopt the same tactics, the same policy. We must free ourselves from the idea that the boss has the same interests as we have.

* Ask Unity.

Also, for the last two months I have noticed another bunch seems to have the good and welfare of the workers in our shop at heart. Particularly enough they always seem to have the right information, they always hit the nail on the spot, with their leaflets, exposing all the dirty tricks of either the boss or the Labor Fakers. Much have I heard and read against them. I mean the Communist Party, where all the latest leaflets came from. If it is true that they are behind the T. U. C. L. giving them advice, advice which, as past experience shows us, always brings results, then, I think it does not matter whether they are reds or not, or how long as they help us in getting from the boss what we are after.

I agree with anyone who says, "In unity there is strength." If Unity of action, instead of three unions in the Furniture Industry does the trick, let's all get together and fight the bosses in one solid body.

An S. O. S.

Any one having the following copies of the Western Worker please send them to 37 Grove St., San Francisco, Cal. Some of these numbers were destroyed by "vigilantes" in their raids.

Vol. 3, No. 21, May 21, 1934.
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World Events and Western Workers

Many Nazi Spies Amongst Refugees from Germany

Methods Used By Hitler Provocateurs Among Emigres to Other Countries, and Methods Used to Combat Them Gives Valuable Lesson to All Workers—Nazi Agents Use Local Police.

The police collaborate on an international scale in persecuting the political emigres, and numerous examples have shown that agents of the Gestapo were at the same time agents of the police of the country in question. The agents of the Gestapo include not only Germans but nationals of all countries, Poles, Hungarians, Italians, Swedes, Yugoslavs, Englishmen and even the Jews, so detested by Nazis.

* Combat Spies.

How strenuous are the efforts of the Gestapo agents to penetrate the ranks of the political exiles in a locality in which 775 exiles were registered, an investigation resulted in the exposure of 88 spies, agents provocateurs or simply swindlers. In a few cases such individuals could escape detection for a short time.

Not only the revolutionary emigre groups, but the Communist Parties of the countries harbouring them carry on an organized struggle against the spies and agents provocateurs of the Gestapo. This struggle against the infiltration of Gestapo agents into the emigre groups takes the form of a close investigation into each case of political emigration. All cases are subjected to special scrutiny. Rules, referring to the admission of political exiles must be closely observed even if the applicant presents a party card or the membership card of another labour organization.

* "Rogues Gallery".

Communists and anti-fascist papers play an important part in the struggle against the Gestapo agents. The "Gegenangriff" among others devoted some space to this question. The column "Our Rogues Gallery" was a model of what the struggle against spies and

agents provocateurs should be. It is to be regretted that the column was kept up only a few months. The central organ of the Communist Party, the "Hollas" devoted more attention to the struggle against Hitler agents than any other paper.

Every lack of caution, every slip may help the agents of the Gestapo. Thus, for instance, a paper announced a general check-up on political exiles, giving the exact place and time where and when it would take place.

* Don't Chatter.

Of great importance in the struggle is the attitude of the exiles themselves. We quote a few instances of this:

A certain A. . . was irresponsible enough to write a letter to the accommodation address of the District Committee in K. . . In this letter he asked for his membership card and quite unnecessarily mentioned the names and addresses of members of the at that time illegal District Committee. Writing this, about 15 responsible comrades were in danger of being arrested. As a result, the District Committee machine had to be remodelled, a matter involving considerable expense under present conditions. But such irresponsibility can easily have grave consequences still. This is shown by the case of B. . . a political exile. He wrote a letter to an accommodation address of the District Party Committee in C. . . The police noticed that a letter came to this address from a cer-

COUNTY OFFICIALS KICK REGISTERED VOTERS OFF ROLL

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 5.—Out of the 121,527 registered voters in San Diego county, 27,271 have been stricken off the rolls, about 23 per cent.

The technical excuse used to deprive these voters of their franchise, is that they didn't vote either at the primaries or the general elections of last year. The real cause of this promptness in striking off names of voters from the registered list undoubtedly lies in the huge votes of over 100,000 for Anita Whitney, and the huge Sinclair votes of last fall.

Imperial county, was even more in a hurry to strike off the names of voters from their great register.

Out of a total of 22,000 registered voters, 6500, or nearly thirty-three and a third per cent were stricken from the great register of Imperial county, 3000 of the names stricken off, were of voters in Brawley and El Centro alone, center of the late agricultural strikes.

The state league of municipalities had recently made a survey of election officials throughout the state asking suggestions on changes in election laws. The workers of California should keep a sharp eye on this outfit and their attempts to disfranchise the working-class vote, legally or illegally.

For example, City Clerk Wright of San Diego, in response to the league's queries, recommends that a change in hours at the polls be made. Instead of having the polls open like at present, from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m., which gives the workers who actually have full time jobs, a chance to vote, Wright wants the polls opened at 7 a. m. and closed at 6 p. m., a direct move to disfranchise workers.

Youth Tries Suicide In Effort to Help Family of 8 to Live

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—Hope gone because he could not find a job through which he could help his 19-year-old brother support a family of eight persons, Joe Apodaca, 17, yesterday resorted to a suicide attempt as the only means of relieving the suffering of his brothers and sisters.

Writing in pain from the poison he had swallowed, Joe, who resides with his family at 1824 East Eighty-fourth Street, was rushed in a police ambulance to Georgia Street Hospital, where he told attendants the reason for his act.

"If I were out of the way," he sobbed, "it would mean one less mouth to feed. There are eight in our family and the only money that comes in is \$10 a week earned by our 19-year-old brother. I looked everywhere for a job and couldn't find one. Ten dollars a week can't possibly be stretched far enough to feed eight persons, especially when families have small children in them as ours has."

Joe was gotten to the hospital in time for the first aid treatment to take effect and nurses said he would recover.

Foreign News Briefs

Rakosi Faces Torture

BUDAPEST, Feb. 3.—"I have always been a Communist and always will be," shouted the great anti-fascist Rakosi as he forcibly was dragged from the court recently during his so-called trial by the fascist Hungarian government. He then was taken away to serve eleven days in the prison torture room. "I have been in Hungary ever since the end of the Soviets here in 1919," he shouted. "And I have never been indicted on these 'charges' until now." Earlier in the day he had remained firm in explaining the principles of the revolutionary movement and had refused to be disturbed by the hints of the judges that some personal motive caused the unity of Communist leadership.

Soviets Save 3 Billion for Social Insurance

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Feb. 3.—Setting aside the largest social insurance fund ever appropriated by any government, the Central Council of Trade Unions in the U. S. S. R. today approved the 6,000,000,000 rubles (three billion dollars) social insurance budget for 1935. This represents a billion ruble advance over 1934, and almost a 100 per cent increase over 1932. Schernik, secretary of the Soviet Trade Union, announced that more than one million workers had received free trips to rest homes and that every Soviet worker had received at least two weeks vacation with full pay during the year.

Hitler Holds American For Taking Notes

MUNICH, Feb. 5.—Notes he jotted down about the Dachau concentration camp have led to Richard Roederer's arrest on charges of high treason by the Nazi butchers. Roederer is an American citizen and a former Cleveland liberal. The notebook found in his possession when he was arrested at Lindau on the Swiss border last June contained "a few remarks" about the Nazi regime and about Nazi organization, in addition to his observations on the concentration camp. He has been arraigned before the infamous "Peoples Court" which has the power to inflict the death penalty.

Hitler Pardons Killer Of 29 Communists

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 5.—Otto Marlow, an assassin in command of government troops during the 1919 revolution and who ordered the summary execution of twenty-nine Communists, was rehabilitated by Hitler this week. Marlow now is director of one of the Nazi prison camps. The Spartacists whom he ordered executed without trial were members of a Red marine division whom he and his troops had captured in a Berlin street battle. His action was based on orders from Gustav Noske, Socialist Reichswehr Minister at that time.

Uruguayan Troops Rebel Against Officers

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 6.—Government troops stationed at Montevideo and at Soriano, sent to fight revolutionists, have rebelled, it is reported, and at least one colonel has been shot. Rebels are said to have given the government troops a severe beating during recent struggles in this territory. Meanwhile, all of Uruguay is now on a war footing and all other activities are at a standstill. Hundreds of persons are said to be joining the revolutionary forces, dissatisfied with the present setup and the continued fighting to which they have been subjected.

Worker's Wife Must Wait 3 Days for Aid At Childbirth

BRAWLEY, Calif., Feb. 8.—Jesus Tapia, a local resident since 1925, jobless and without funds, applied to the office of the Emergency Relief for emergency aid. His wife, in an unheated shack without medical attention, had just given birth to a baby.

Not until three days later did he receive an order for groceries, but there was not one penny for medical attention or food. This is the typical and usual treatment of unemployed workers in fascist Imperial Valley.

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GROUP OF SAN DIEGO CITY WORKERS BACK HR 2827

By a Municipal Worker.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 4.—The city employees of San Diego were promised a 5 per cent raise the first of January, as a part restoration of our past pay cuts, but when we got our checks on the 20th, most of us found out the so-called raise wasn't anywhere near 5 per cent.

The reason for this is that according to the law our pay can't be increased above the maximum set annually for the various job classifications. So if some of us are getting 4 per cent or maybe 10 per cent under the maximum, our pay isn't being increased the 5 per cent at all, but only 1 per cent or 13 per cent as the case may be. Some of us got only a dollar or two more per month, and one fellow got only 94 cents! Many who are getting the maximum didn't get any raise at all!

The day after payday, the local meat prices were up 25 per cent and other food prices are going up too.

When workers went to Assistant City Manager Lockwood, he told them if they didn't like it—quit! I think that would be the right thing for 1300 city employees to do, go out and quit at the same time on strike.

* Vote Right Next Time.
In March, these rats expect us to vote for them in the municipal elections, but they are going to be fooled. We are going to vote right, this time. In order to get what we want, we will have to vote for workers' candidates.

This afternoon a group of us took a walk in the City Employees Association had a meeting. We endorsed the Workers' Unemployment, Old Age and Social Insurance Bill, H. R. 2827, and we demand the release of the seventeen workers on framewep charges of Criminal Syndicalism on trial in Sacramento. We are glad to know that there is one attorney like Leo Gallagher in the state of California. One that can tell the truth and defend workers. Tom Mooney was framed up the same way as these workers, and therefore we Rank and File demand the release of Brother Tom Mooney.

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of emigration gives considerable support to the heroic struggle of the revolutionary workers inside Germany. It is necessary to make every effort to render this support as effective as possible.



By MICHAEL QUIN

In the vestibule of the State Capitol is a statue of Christopher Columbus kneeling at the feet of the Queen of Spain. Under it is inscribed: "I AM WILLING TO ASSUME THE UNDERTAKING." SHE SAID, "FOR MY OWN CROWN OF CASTILE AND AM READY TO PAWN MY JEWELS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF IT. IF THE FUNDS IN THE TREASURY SHALL BE FOUND INADEQUATE."

This should be replaced by a new statue to conform with the fascist laws being introduced in the Legislature. It should be of Sacramento's City Manager James S. Dean and the Board of Supervisors kneeling at the feet of William Randolph Hearst. It should be inscribed: "WE ARE WILLING TO RAILROAD WORKERS TO THE PENITENTIARY." THEY SAID, "FOR THE BIG LANDOWNERS, BANKERS AND INDUSTRIALISTS, AND ARE READY TO TAP THE COUNTY WELFARE AND HOSPITAL FUNDS TO FINANCE THE FRAME-UP IF THE FUNDS IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SHALL BE FOUND INADEQUATE."

All about the vestibule are glass show cases filled with knives, guns, brass knuckles etc., which early California bandits found so convenient. Sacramento cherishes its pioneer traditions and holds especially dear the memory of her thieves and bandits.

Two Stanford University students were put out of the courtroom during the C. S. trial last week. The lies of the prosecution's star witness, Hanks, became so ridiculous that they burst out laughing.

The capitalist press jumped up from the press table and ran outside to corner them. The students refused to give their names, but made the following statement: "We have only one more year at Stanford and we don't want to be expelled. You don't know Dr. Wilbur (president of the university). But how could we help from laughing? It is just a vaudeville show—a farce. We are trying to understand the sense of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, but we haven't succeeded yet."

When the reporters returned, they passed notes to a young lady who they believed knew the names of the students. She refused to tell them. They passed another note asking her why not and what was the secret? The young lady wrote back: "Because you are vicious liars and cannot be trusted."

These very reporters who laugh at the defendants, write lies about the trial for their bosses, sneer when the defendants expose the corruption of American "liberty" and seize upon every bit of testimony which might be distorted or misrepresented, replied when I asked them if they were members of the Newspaper Guild, "Hell no! We'd get fired if we joined the Guild."

Those students are correct in saying that justice as represented by this trial has degenerated into a cheap vaudeville farce. But they must not overlook that this idiosyncrasy has teeth. It may look like foolishness, but seventeen working men and women are threatened with long terms in the penitentiary. Let them emphasize this fact to their fellow students when they return to the campus. And let them do something about it. Let them organize a protest on the Stanford campus and send more delegations to see for themselves.

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TODD CONVICTED

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first said only half the signature was his. Later he denied even saying this and declared he had thought he was signing a "Hetch-Hetchy petition."

Louise Todd testified that the names on the petitions were collected by her presence and that when the petitions were filled she took them to the Communist Election Campaign headquarters where the precinct numbers were put on them. After that she was given the petitions and took them to the Registrar of Voters where they were sworn in.

Although all the jurors had sworn they were not prejudiced against the Communist Party conversation with several of the spectators revealed at least two or three were known to be definitely "anti-Red."

Calif. Legislature

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Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 51 relates to the freedom of speech and of the press. It declares that:

"Every citizen may freely speak, write and publish his sentiments on all subjects . . . and no law shall be passed to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press." This amendment would protect speakers at working class and other meetings by providing that:

"No speech nor the expression of any opinion in any manner shall ever be punished unless then and there accompanied by some overt act of violence."

Assembly Constitutional Amendment Nos. 52 and 53 deal with the abolition of compulsory military training at the University of California.

Amendment 52 provides: "The Regents of the University of California shall not make military training compulsory at the University of California."

UNITED FRONT

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people to address the conference briefly. Among those to be invited are Ben Legere, representing the Democratic Epic movement of this city; Sam White, of the Socialist Party; Dr. George Hedley, director of the American Civil Liberties Union; Sam Darcy, District Organizer of the Communist Party; Leo Gallagher, defending 16 of the 17 workers on trial in Sacramento; the Rev. Dr. Gross Alexander of Los Angeles; Harry Bridges, president of the San Francisco Maritime Union; J. L. A. Loren Miller, well known Los Angeles journalist from Los Angeles; and Harry Hook, president of Machinist Local 68, A. F. of L.

All workers' organizations which have not yet done so are urged by the Arrangements Committee to elect delegates to this conference and swing into line in the campaign to rid the working class of the vicious Criminal Syndicalism Law.

The Conference will be open to observers as well as delegates.

Bovingdon to Dance in Oakland, Feb. 17

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 7.—John Bovingdon, former director of the International Theatre in Moscow and well known in California as a dancer, having recently returned from the Soviet Union, will give a lecture and dance program at the Jenny Lind Hall, 2229 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, Sunday evening, Feb. 17.

The affair is being arranged by the Friends of the Soviet Union, under whose auspices Bovingdon is touring the country. As a result of two years of study in the U. S. S. R., Bovingdon not only interprets in dance many impressions he got, but gives a talk on the development of the country.

Support the C. S. United Front Conference February 10!

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"Every known trick at the command of the bosses of California, and a number of new ones, is being used by the prosecution to railroad our comrades to San Quentin . . . the jury sits back, bored and unconcerned, knowing what verdict is expected of it . . . our comrades are putting up an heroic battle—not for their own freedom alone—but that the working class of California may continue to organize to fight for better conditions . . . but the cards are stacked against them . . . their only hope lies in the rest of the working class . . . above all, report the trial fully and spread the Western Worker so that all may see what a vicious frame-up this trial is!"

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Palmer	25	0	2
Bakersfield	25	2	13
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SACRAMENTO C. S. TRIAL

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ed today by the testimony of Melville Harris, the fifth stool pigeon on the stand by the prosecution. The fact that these financial interests are working in close connivance with authorities of State and Federal government to suppress all working class organization in California, was also brought out in Attorney Leo Gallagher's cross-examination of the 28-year-old labor spy.

The prosecution of the C. S. cases was traced directly to the wealthy powers, which have installed a reactionary machine in the Legislature to railroad through suppressive laws. A further link between these power and the red scare newspapers, was also revealed in court.

* Melville Harris.

Stool pigeon Harris, young, insolent, testified that in February, 1934, he joined the Communist Party and subsequently the Young Communist League and the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union. He participated in the activities of all these groups and made constant reports to Rachel Sowers in the State Bureau of Criminal Identification, the same office to which stool pigeon Hanks reported.

When Leo Gallagher took up the cross-examination, important facts came to light. Although submitting his reports to the State Bureau, Harris was not employed by them, but was enrolled in the C. C. C. at their headquarters' camp. Shortly after the raids of July in which the defendants were arrested, Rachel Sowers telephoned long distance to Mr. Dacey of the San Francisco Industrial Association and made an appointment for Harris. The Industrial Association is the group of California capitalists who controlled the State government and the National Guard in breaking the San Francisco Marine and General Strike by force and violence.

* Sent to Oregon.

Dacey phoned to Klamath Falls, Ore., and then sent Harris up there to spy on working class organization. He was allegedly in the employ of the City on this job.

He returned to San Francisco on about October 1st and Dacey put him in touch with Guernsey

Frazer, secretary of the Associated Farmers. He was put on the payroll of this corporation controlled group and sent back to Sacramento to continue the same spying he had done while in the C. C. C.

The Associated Farmers is a group representing bankers, industrialists, utilities, power companies, huge landowners, but there are no farmers in it at all. It comprises the capitalist control of all California agriculture. It is the principal group backing the prosecution of this trial. Through the efforts of the organizations represented by the defendants, these money Cows were forced to raise the miserable wages of their workers.

The Associated Farmers, through its publicity department, directs, to a large extent, the lying anti-Communist, anti-working class campaign now being pressed by the newspapers. Associated Farmers, their publicity director, is present at every session of the trial and works in close collaboration with the capitalist reporters, particularly the Hearst reporter, Max Thayer.

* Link With "Patriotic" Groups.

Last night, Parker spoke on the "Menace of Communism" before a meeting of the California Cavalry, a potential fascist group backing the suppressive legislation that has been introduced into the Legislature. All other so-called "patriotic" groups, the American Legion, the Elks Club, the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, etc., are virtually subsidiary groups of The Associated Farmers, the Industrial Association and other large capitalist combines. This network of private owners and their toolies is what newspapers refer to as "public opinion."

* Stuttering Lie.

While being examined by the prosecution, Harris identified all of the defendants and falsely accused most of them of making violent and destructive statements similar to those recited by Hanks (another stool). He accused Mike Plesh of wanting to murder all bosses and Nora Conklin of urging workers to hang Mary Judge, the local relief administrator.

* More Poor Memory.

Gallagher described the real

Section Com. Calls Los Angeles Workers To Speed W.W. Drive

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—With the Western Worker and the War Chest drive already at the halfway point, both campaigns are definitely lagging in the Los Angeles Section.

Immediate steps must be taken by all section, subsection and unit functionaries and members, generally, if this lag is to be overcome in the time left before the campaigns end on March 18, the Section Committee has announced.

In the subscription quotas, only the Goodyear subsection has turned in approximately as many as they should during the first half of the drive. By signing up twenty-one subscribers they have reached forty-two per cent of their quota of fifty subscribers. All other subsections are way below Goodyear on subs.

* McAllister Balked.

One of Prosecutor McAllister's tricks is to show each stool pigeon the literature entered as evidence and have him identify items he had purchased. In cross-examination, Hanks, Gallagher discovered that the prosecutor had let the witness go over the items beforehand and initial those he was to identify.

Today, in again going over items which McAllister had earlier shown Harris, Gallagher insisted on covering the initial marks with his thumb while displaying them to the witness. He also mixed in a lot of other pamphlets which have been published long since the raids and could not have been on the premises.

McAllister raved and stormed with objections, stood up, ran around in circles, thumbed frantically through law tomes trying to find some technicality to block Gallagher's move. He failed.

As a consequence, Harris was in complete confusion. He didn't know one item from another and identified pamphlets which had not even been written at the time he claims to have seen them.

* Not Through Yet.

Court was adjourned in the middle of this situation.

The names of the five rats introduced as witnesses to date are: Hicks, Harr, Hanks, Hem and Harris. Perhaps the next will be Hearst.

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500 AT SACRAMENTO PROTEST FRAME-UP OF 18 WORKERS

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 3.—In the face of one of the most intense campaigns of intimidation ever held in a California city, 500 workers turned out for the mass meeting held in the Plaza Theatre last night for the defense of the seventeen Criminal Syndicalism defendants. Every worker who attended came with the expectancy that he might be violently attacked by vigilante thugs. In view of these conditions, the turnout, small as it was, represented one of the bravest demonstrations of solidarity held to date in defense of the frame-up victims.

These workers contributed \$95 out of their slim earnings to aid in defense of the prisoners.

The Hollywood Theatre of Action presented a satire, based on the Grand Jury hearings prior to the indictment. This performance met with tremendous response and indicates the immense strides being made by the revolutionary theater in the West. Both from a standpoint of its clever expose of the ridiculous contradictions of the prosecution's witnesses and its technique of presentation, the performance is to be praised. It testified to the importance of the workers' theatre as a real weapon in the class struggle.

Defendants Caroline Decker and Martin Wilson addressed the throng and revealed details of the vicious strategies used by the prosecution. Dr. Hedley of the American Civil Liberties Union and George Maurer of the International Labor Defense appealed to the audience to fight the grim fascist machine now being set up in California and to defend the C. S. victims.

SPEED PETITION

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the Workers Unemployment Bill out of committee and on to the floor of the Legislature, thousands of post cards and resolutions immediately must be mailed to the committee members. Their home addresses already have been printed in the Western Worker.

While California workers are preparing a mass struggle against starvation and meager wage payments, grudgingly made, the local and state relief politicians have announced that only enough money remained in state relief coffers Thursday to meet outstanding payroll demands for the current week.

The fate of the four and a quarter billion dollar Public Works Relief Bill still is in the hands of the national Senate Appropriations Committee. Officials admit there is little possibility it will be acted upon until next week.

Frank J. McLaughlin, newly appointed state relief administrator, says he doubts the legality of borrowing in advance on the twenty-four million dollar state bond relief issue voted at the last elections. In any event, he declares it will be impossible to realize funds for relief from the sale of these bonds this month.

Merriam and his Sacramento gang are still squabbling over the appointment of a new State Relief Commission. The further payment of the already meager relief doles, and the question of getting money to make these payments, will be in the hands of this nebulous, soon-to-be-appointed committee.

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WHAT A NIGHT, WHAT A PROGRAM—All out to the Western Worker Affair at the new Workers Centre, 1168 Golden Gate Ave., near Webster St. Sunday, Feb. 17, at 8 p.m. Admission 15c.

MARCH 29, 30, 31—

Annual I. L. D. Bazaar. All workers' organizations are urged to cooperate with the I. L. D. and asked not to arrange any other affairs during these dates.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE meeting in support of Workers' Bill 791 and H. R. 2827. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 8:00 p.m., Brotherhood Hall, Building Trades Temple, 14th and Guerrero Streets. Speakers: Wm. Sanders, pres. Ornamental Iron Workers; D. Schoemaker, I. L. A.; and Alex Norral, chairman State Committee of Action.

FIGHT MERRIAM'S SALES TAX—Come to the mass protest meeting Tuesday, February 26, at 8:00 p.m., Church at 22nd St. and Capp. Auspices: Women's Anti-Sales Tax Committee. Rev. Herriek P. Lane and other speakers.

Oakland

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Los Angeles

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MANDOLIN CLUB—Saturday, Feb. 16, at 8:15 p.m., at Major Theatre, 338 So. Figueroa St. A workers' Mandolin Orchestra of 85 players in a program of classical and Soviet Folk Music. Admission 35c.

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(From the Declaration of Independence.)

Lenin Said:

"The dictatorship of the proletariat, the period of transition to Communism, will for the first time produce democracy for the people, for the majority . . . Communism alone is capable of giving a really complete democracy . . ."

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Protest SERA Dismissals!

The campaign against Communists by Paul H. Davis, San Francisco Relief Director, working through and with the local Hearst press, has been translated into action. As the Western Worker pointed out editorially last issue, the object of the scare articles about Communists in "key" positions on the SERA, was to lay the basis for the cutting of all militant workers off relief.

One worker has already been discharged, with several others "under investigation."

That the slimy hand of Hearst guided the whole maneuver is thoroughly exposed in today's Western Worker.

This drive against all militant workers on relief comes at a time when the state is faced with an immediate crisis in relief funds. Unless Congress approves the President's request for appropriation of \$4,800,000,000 thereby releasing funds to the states, or the state can raise funds immediately by borrowing against the \$24,000,000 bond issue voted at the last election, there will be no pay for relief workers. This situation, SERA officials fear, will result in mass struggles by the unemployed against starvation.

The best guarantee the state officials have of heading off such struggles is to fire all workers who have shown any tendency to struggle for better conditions and higher pay. In this drive the help of a wide network of stool-pigeons has been enlisted.

Workers on SERA jobs should realize the real significance of this drive against militant workers on the projects.

ALL SERA WORKERS—AS AN ACT OF SELF-PROTECTION, UNITE TO PROTEST THIS HEARST-INSPIRED DRIVE AGAINST YOUR FELLOW WORKERS!

COMMITTEES SHOULD BE FORMED TO DEMAND THE RE-INSTATEMENT OF EVERY DISCHARGED WORKER!

Vandeleur And Scharrenberg Tip Their Hats To The Working Class

Vandeleur and Scharrenberg, Moguls of the State Federation of Labor, have issued a statement protesting against Merriam's tax program, which places the burden of taxation on the backs of the working class.

Why this belated awakening to the anti-working class character of Merriam's budget message, delivered more than a month ago? Is it possible that it took Messrs. Vandeleur and Scharrenberg more than thirty days of close study to arrive at the conclusion that the tax program would rob the poor for the benefit of the rich? Obviously not. Even a hurried reading of Merriam's message would immediately convince anyone of that.

Vandeleur and Scharrenberg did not speak up at once to expose Merriam's program and call for opposition to it because they had their cars close to the ground, waiting to get the reactions from the masses of workers. These union misleaders have been forced to speak out against this proposed robbery of the masses by the pressure of the storm of resentment arising from union labor on all sides.

"Now is the time to protest. Don't delay! Time is precious. Act now!"—these are the brave words used by the misleaders in their statement. What utter hypocrisy! Time is so precious that they waited more than a month to speak!

And precisely what action do Vandeleur and Scharrenberg propose? What practical steps are they willing to take to defeat Merriam's tax program?

Do they urge all A. F. of L. unions to unite with other working class organizations on the basis of a united front of struggle against the vicious tax program? Do they urge that mass demonstrations be held by A. F. of L. unions in all cities demanding that the tax load be transferred to Big Business and wealthy individuals? Is Vandeleur, as president of the San Francisco Labor Council, taking any steps to arrange such a demonstration of a united working class in that city?

Not a word on definite, effective action! Messrs. Vandeleur and Scharrenberg are merely tipping their hats in the direction of "opposition!" And even this gesture was literally forced out of them by the indignation of the masses!

Launch the Workers' Counter Offensive!

Facts come to light that for a year, a committee of members of the San Francisco Bay Counties' Peace Officers' Association has been making an "intensive" study of Communism in California; that this committee has been meeting from time to time with police in Los Angeles, Fresno, Sacramento and San Diego; that leaflets, pamphlets, books and other material have been compiled into a "manual."

The latest "manual" is intended for distribution at a closed anti-Communist meeting to be held in San Francisco February 23. Admission is by invitation, which will be extended to hand-picked members of religious, fraternal, "industrial" (read strike-breaking) and labor organizations, and police officials.

The purpose of this conference obviously is to study the actual literature distributed by the Communist Party—and this, the bosses know, would never do for general distribution—with a view to planning the general strategy of the drive of Big Business against the Communist Party and all other militant working class organizations.

The working class counter-offensive must be begun immediately. Two main lines of attack are open. One, a campaign of mass pressure for the release of the eighteen Sacramento Syndicalism defendants and for the repeal of the C. S. law. The other, a campaign of all working class organizations to support the Workers' Bills now pending in the state legislature!

Bigger Force For Strikebreaking Is Asked In Assembly

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 5.—The militaristic and strike-breaking sentiments of reactionary legislators is plainly evidenced by a number of resolutions introduced to increase the armed forces and mobilize the country for war.

One of the most important evidences of this war preparation is a resolution introduced into the California Assembly calling upon Congress to enact a military conscription law which would automatically become effective at the outbreak of war. Another resolution proposes government control and ownership of munition plants. Still another calls for a complete investigation of the military defense situation in the State. This latter resolution (Assembly Joint Resolution No. 25) contained the following significant clause:

"Whereas, The necessity of a larger force was shown when the National Guard was called to San Francisco, leaving only 335 men in Southern California, in the face of threatened dock strikes at Wilmington and San Pedro at the same time; now, therefore, be it resolved, etc."

Senate Bill No. 339 is an act making an appropriation for the armed forces of the state when called on active service. "Active service" in peace time is strike-breaking. Senate Bill No. 342 calls for an appropriation for the purchase of a site and the building of an armory at Fresno. There is an Assembly bill which makes a similar appropriation for the building of an armory at San Pedro.

Sacramento Courtroom

By Mike Plesh



Upper left—Witness Kunz of the police Red Squad reciting back and forth well rehearsed questions and answers. Upper right—A juror. Lower left—Kunz on stand says, "I seen the letter in Hougardy's suitcase." Lower right—McAllister—"I object." Drawings by Mike Plesh, one of the 18 C. S. defendants.

The Biography of a C. S. Victim

By W. H. Huffine,
One of the 18 California C. S. prisoners.

Sacramento County Jail,
January 30, 1935.

My attention was first called to the labour world in the Panic of 1894 by the march of Coxey's Army—what we might call now the first Hunger March to Washington. From that time on, I have always been conscious of the struggle of my class against the enemy capitalist class.

The seriousness of the class struggle here in America first came to me with the first major labor case—the Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone case at Boise, Idaho.

In 1903 I joined the Carpenters' Union at Omaha, Neb. At that time I was also a member of the Socialist Party, and although I had not read extensively the then existing radical literature, I knew that Eugene V. Debs was my hero.

Going from Omaha, Neb., back to Arkansas, where I was born fifty-six years ago, I got a job with the H. D. Williams Cooperative Co. There I could not help from seeing how this company robbed the people taking their oak and hickory timber and at the same time exploiting them by paying the most miserable wages for their work.

* Fired For Not Drinking.

From Arkansas I went to Oklahoma where I again joined the Carpenters' Union and went to work for the city of Okmulgee on the water reservoir. I got fired off this job because I didn't drink myself or buy drinks for the superintendent.

Leaving Oklahoma in October, 1909, I came to Oregon. Here I came into contact with the migratory workers, who, to me, were a new element in the labor world. These workers were for the greater part railway construction workers. Here was a problem of how should these migratory workers be organized. I myself soon became a migratory worker.

Then along came the idea of the Industrial Union, which at that time seemed to be the only solution for the working class. My studying of radical literature was still a chance reading of such things as "Bellamy's '2000 A. D. Looking Backward.'" What a Utopia! But to me, this Utopian dream was realizable.

From Oregon I went to Boise, Idaho, where I got my first taste of capitalist "justice" by being arrested for vagrancy. To the great chagrin of the police judge I failed to plead "guilty." I pleaded "not guilty," asked for a jury trial, and was released. The police judge seemed pleased to get me out of his court. I take it he did not like my looks.

* Rumor of Wage Cut.

From Boise, Idaho, I drifted into Butte, Montana, went to work for the Milwaukee Railroad as com-

missary clerk with an extra gang working out of Superior, Montana. From here we moved to Rosalia, Wash., where we were to work through the winter months of 1913-14. However, rumor of an impending wage-cut soon spread.

For the first time in my life, I tried, with the aid of a class-conscious Finnish worker, to organize a strike against this wage-cut. For our efforts, the Finnish worker was beaten by a stool pigeon and I got fired. Those that stayed on the job got their wages cut.

In November, 1913, I was in Seattle where I soon found the headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World. I promptly joined this union.

Along about this period of our history the Colorado coal miners' strike was called. In Seattle we were holding mass protest meetings against the brutal massacre of the striking miners and their families at Ludlow. Also the Wheatland Hop riots on the Durst Ranch and the trial of Ford and Suhler were going on. We protested against this brutal outrage of the California bosses against members of our class.

* Joined Truckers' Union.

Meantime I had joined the Truckers' Union in Seattle. I might explain that at that time the I. L. A. was composed of only those who worked in the ship's hold. Those workers who trucked cargo from the boat to the piles in the warehouse were not considered as longshoremen. The truckers were in the greater number. This mass of workers was paid wages at a starvation level. Something had to be done to better our wages and working conditions, and since the union took no action, we formed an independent union, of which I became a member.

Out of the formation of this Union of the dock workers grew the longshoremen's strike in 1916 in which workers were brutally murdered by the gun thugs of the Waterfront Employers' Association. Many were arrested and charged with riot and similar charges.

In order to effectively sell out the longshoremen's strike, the leaders of the I. L. A. decided to amalgamate the Truckers' Union with the I. L. A. as soon as this was accomplished, O'Connors, then the International President of the I. L. A., sold out the strike and was soon afterward appointed to the Shipping Board by President Wilson.

* Shingle Weavers' Strike.

In this period of 1916, the Shingle Weavers around Everett, Wash., were on strike against low wages and bad working conditions.

The A. F. of L. leaders had given but little support to the struggling Shingle Weavers out on strike. They had to have immediate help or lose their strike. They could see that no help was forthcoming from the leaders of the A. F. of L., so they called on

the I. W. W. for aid and got it.

This made the shingle mill owners frantic. To rid themselves of this encroachment on their sacred rights to exploit the toiling masses they did just like the capitalist exploiters of California did in Wheatland. Through their capitalist-owned newspapers they dragged out the time-worn bogeyman of the red scare! "Drive the reds out of Everett so our loyal workers can return to their jobs!"—screamed the box-car lettered headlines of the yellow sheets in Everett and Seattle.

Out of the strike struggle of the shingle weavers, came the bloody Sunday of Nov. 16, 1916. Cross-firing from two docks at a boatload of workers, Sheriff MacKenzie of Snohomish County and his deputies with machine guns killed five workers and two of their own members.

A large number of workers were arrested and charged with first degree murder! Tom Tracy was tried on the charge and acquitted. Some forty others were released for the lack of evidence.

* Sheriff Denounced.

Hi Gill, the then Mayor of Seattle, stated publicly that the workers held in jail charged with murder were not the ones that should be in jail charged with murder, but Sheriff MacKenzie of Snohomish County and his deputies were the murderers! At the Tracy trial I worked with Charles Ashley, Dr. Louise Strong, and Bob Bridges, the then Port Commissioner of the Port of Seattle.

In 1917 I participated in a small way in the strike of the Northwest loggers and learned by this experience that a purely economic organization could not free the working class from capitalist exploitation. At this time the world war broke out, and many of us made the jails as "objectors" and "slackers"—because we couldn't kill our fellow-men for the profits of human leeches.

Out of the war hysteria came the trial of Haywood, et al. Then in 1919 the General Strike in Seattle, Wash. Here was a dress-rehearsal of the Proletarian Revolution which must come. Not a uniformed policeman on the streets of the city! Everything was quiet and peaceful. Not a single arrest of any nature was made for the five days of this strike. The working people ran the town—ordered! This was a demonstration of what power in the hands of the working class could bring about. The bosses became frantic! Yelled for the National Guards to end the General Strike! The Central Labor Council weakened and gave in to Ole Hanson, then Mayor of Seattle.

* McNamara Case.

In 1911-12, the McNamara case attracted my attention and my hatred of the way the capitalist press gloated over the conviction of these working men—brought me the clear understanding of the

Big Firms Get Huge Sums In Gifts From U. S.

By Don Russell.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—While you are counting those pennies to buy an undersized sack of Sperry flour—if you still are able to afford flour—you should be delighted to learn that the Roosevelt Government just recently handed the Sperry Flour Company a mere \$135,299 gift in the form of an "income tax refund."

And the next time the Hearst papers announce that the "State relief cupboard is about bare" it might be useful to remember that the Title Insurance and Trust Company of Los Angeles has just received a donation of \$428,609 in tax refunds from the same government—that is planning to cut millions of so-called "unemployables" from the relief rolls.

Workers who are following the antics of Neil McAllister at Sacramento in his attempt to frame eighteen of their militant comrades on fake charges of Criminal Syndicalism because they fought for a decent living standard for all workers, will be glad to learn that the same Roosevelt regime has just handed the California Packing Corporation, slave-driving cannery company, \$7720.

If you are just one of the millions of destitute workers who are wondering where the next bowl of soup is coming from, it will interest you to know that some fifty individuals and employing companies in California have been given nearly \$400,000 in tax refunds.

The New Deal government while handing the gifts out to large corporations, pleads poverty when the workers demand real unemployment and social insurance.

MUNITIONS, MONOPOLY, IMPERIALISM AND WAR

The sixteenth of a series of articles exposing the link between the war machine and American industry. It reveals the immense capacity for organization and efficiency of capitalism in mobilizing the entire strength and resources of a country for purposes of mass murder in the interests of private greed, and its complete inability to organize these forces for the welfare of the people.

By BILL DUNNE
OIL AND WAR

No country today can carry on effective warfare for any considerable length of time, and this is especially true of naval warfare, without the assurance of an uninterrupted supply of both crude and refined petroleum—that is, crude oil, gasoline and other refined products used in internal combustion engines.

In 1919 alone the United States Navy required 10,500,000 barrels of oil. The tremendous development of motor transport since that time, the increased use of Diesel engines, using crude oil, the gigantic increase in the demand of crude petroleum for use in merchant marine ships as well as in the navies of the world, have made oil one of those raw materials for which wars are fought, as well as an indispensable material with which to fight wars.

Every great imperialist nation is engaged in a frenzied hunt for sources of new oil supply. The search for and seizure of this material has immensely intensified all imperialist antagonisms.

CEMENT AND WAR

Portland cement is made from limestone and clay or from a clay bearing limestone. To most people cement means only hard-

surfaced highways and building construction. But it is a material of first-class military importance. It is essential for the construction of bomb-proof dugouts, machine-gun nests and big gun emplacements, as well as for the construction and repair of the roads without which the continual supply of ordinance is motor transport to military forces could not be maintained.

The mixture of Portland cement and crushed rock, both used in the construction of various types of fortifications and hard-surfaced roads, made such demands on the available supplies that during 1917-1918 the shipping of cement and crushed rock had precedence over all other military needs and was second only to carrying of troops and ammunition.

Under war conditions, as this example shows, precisely those materials which, seem the least warlike in character, adopted only to the needs of peace time production, like cement and crushed rock, become ordinance requirements of first-class importance.

GRAPHITE AND WAR

Graphite is a mineral which most people think is used only in lead pencils. But it is a necessity for those plants and factories that refine the non ferrous metals as well as for certain sections of the chemical industries. Before the World War the graphite used in refining crucibles came mainly from Ceylon.

The shortage of shipping and the increased danger of ocean transportation under the conditions of submarine warfare and blockades compelled the American industry to develop a composition for graphite crucibles from domestic supplies which before the war had been considered unsuitable for this purpose.

San Diego Workers Must Salute Flag Before Meeting In Schools

By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 4.—Whoever wants to speak in city school buildings will have to first pledge the oath of allegiance to the American flag, if the reactionary fascist elements on the local school board have their way about it.

Recently at the meeting of the school board, the board rescinded their action of Jan. 7, which absolutely refused use of the buildings to organizations "with Communist affiliations," and this new resolution was presented by Deputy District Attorney Frank Goodman, who said, "What these groups don't seem to understand, is that they have no inherent right to meet in the schools. The Legislature has given the board the right to enforce reasonable rules and regulations in granting permits, and I believe you would be within your rights in doing this."

This is the example of the reasonable rules and regulations in granting permits, which Goodman and the board wants to put over on the people of San Diego, in the form of the contract which all those requesting use of the school building would have to fill out:

"The undersigned desires to use the civic center of the (blank) school on (blank date) and agrees to abide by the policy of the board of education and rules and regulations of said board established by its resolution and in consideration of permit being granted agrees, before any use is made

of said civic center, all persons appearing or using the same, or speaking at said civic center, shall pledge allegiance to the American flag and to the constitution of the United States and to the Constitution of the State of California."

Goodman's resolution also states the board is opposed to "Communism or criminal syndicalism" or to "words of a treasonable character" expressed in public assemblage; opposes use of schools as civic centers by such persons; makes the secretary official issuer of such permits, with instructions to see that groups seeking to use the schools conform to the board's policy, and that they agree, before the permit is issued, that the allegiance pledge will be made by all who attend; and provides for hearings by the board of any persons refused permits, testimony to include hearsay testimony and affidavits, without being restricted to usual court rules of evidence.

"Lucha Obrera" Editor Continues Tour On Feb. 15

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—Pete Garcia, editor of the Lucha Obrera, will leave Feb. 15 on the second part of his tour throughout the state. This tour is to serve two purposes: that of support for the Lucha Obrera and for building of Spanish Workers Clubs.

Comrade Garcia's schedule is as follows:

San Jose, Feb. 15.
Monterey, Feb. 17.
Chualar, Feb. 19.
Santa Maria, Feb. 20.
Oxnard, Feb. 22.
Fillmore, Feb. 23.
Los Angeles, Feb. 24. to March 4
National City, March 3.
San Bernardino, March 6.

Penny Pioneer Party

The Fillmore District, Young Pioneers is arranging a Penny Party in order to raise funds for their magazine the "New Pioneer". A program has been arranged, refreshments will be served, music and a great variety of games will be played. Admission for children within Pioneer age (9-16) is 4c and admission for adults is 12c. A grand time for all is guaranteed and at the same time the "New Pioneer" can get a new lease on life as a result of the money which you will help us to raise. So come on down to 463 Hayes St. Saturday evening, Feb. 9th. Bring along your relatives, pen-pals and friends.

BAIL

is urgently needed for workers facing a Criminal Syndicalism Law frame-up in Sacramento. These defendants have been suffering imprisonment since July.

Enough funds are needed to bail the seven still in jail. Bail has been set at the exorbitant figure of \$3000 cash or \$6000 property for each worker.

Bail in the form of funds or property may be loaned with absolute security. The International Labor Defense has never failed in safeguarding bail loans. Address all bail loans or cash donations for legal defense or prison relief to:

The International Labor Defense
SACRAMENTO:
Room 505, Plaza Bldg.,
921 Tenth St.
SAN FRANCISCO:
1005 Market St.
Room 410.
LOS ANGELES:
127 So. Broadway.

Delegation to C. S. Trial Leaving From Berkeley

BERKELEY, Feb. 4.—The East Bay branches of the International Labor Defense are planning a caravan to leave for the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism trials on Tues. Feb. 12. Anyone desiring to join the delegation is urged to get in touch with M. Cooper at 1639 Carleton St., Berkeley. The caravan will start from the above address at 5:00 a. m. of Feb. 13.